



PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE
Inland Empire Brine Line
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

T. Milford Harrison, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board
Mike Gardner, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board
David Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District Governing Board

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board
Philip Paule, Eastern Municipal Water District Governing Board

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, John Leete, Sara Villa, Daniel Vasquez, Marie Jauregui, Emily Fuentes

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas S. Bunn, Lagerlof, LLP; Fred Jung, Orange County Water District; Alliah Smith, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by Chair T. Milford Harrison on behalf of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments; there were no public comments received via email.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no items to be added or deleted.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 5, 2025

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Gardner/Slawson
Ayes:	Gardner, Harrison, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Hall

6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE ACTIVITIES (PA24#2025.17)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line Activities, contained in the agenda packet on pages 11-20.

Mr. Ruhl provided an overview of the SCADA Work Plan and Design. The project aims to implement a remote, automated system for collecting flow and water quality data. This system will allow staff to monitor and review the data from the office. Devices will be installed at key discharge locations, and five inline monitoring points will also be set up. A kickoff meeting took place in June 2025, and coordination with member agencies and dischargers is ongoing. Site visits will be scheduled in the coming months to gather data from dischargers.

Currently, the system used for managing pretreatment documents is IPACS, which will lose Microsoft.NET support by the end of the month. To address this, a new DMS system, Klir, has been selected after a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Work on the new system will begin in September, with plans to have it operational by early next year.

Mr. Ruhl continued providing an update on the Brine Line Solids Imbalance and Billing Formula. This task focuses on addressing discrepancies in billing at the SARI metering station, where the solids collected at discharger sites do not match the samples taken at the meter. This issue has not been reviewed in the last five years. Trussel Technologies has been hired to analyze data from the past five years and develop a monitoring plan, which has already been implemented. Over the next months, preliminary findings will help adjust the billing formula or suggest additional monitoring to address the imbalance.

The annual report for the pretreatment program was submitted last Thursday. This report covers all activities over the past year, including 412 sampling events, testing 310 parameters, and analyzing over 12,000 results. Additionally, 200 inspections were conducted, leading to enforcement actions where necessary.

An update on the Euclid Bridge Project was provided. The City of Chino is planning to build an elevated roadway along Euclid Avenue (State Highway 83). Initially, the project was on track to be completed before the 2028 Summer Olympics, in hopes of hosting an event at the Prado Olympic Shooting Park. Since that event was not awarded, the project timeline has become less urgent. The proposed construction will impact the brine line, specifically segments Reach IV-A and IV-D, which currently run beneath the existing roadway. Since the new elevated road is intended to address occasional flooding behind Prado, some sections of the brine line may need to be protected or relocated. SAWPA is actively coordinating with the City of Chino to determine the necessary steps to ensure the brine line is safeguarded during and after construction.

Mr. Ruhl noted that the OC San/SAWPA Joint Policy Committee Meeting met in June at the OC SAN offices. The meeting included discussions on several important topics, including updates to the wastewater ordinance and emergency preparedness plans for both OC San and SAWPA. Additionally, OC San presented on their biosolids management and the use of the ocean outfall system. There was no discussion.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 6.A.

B. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PA24#2025.18)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), contained in the agenda packet on pages 29-34.

The CIP is reviewed annually to ensure the PA 24 Committee understands both current and future projects within the approved two-year budget, as well as long-term projections for the next 10 years. The goal is to maintain the long-term viability and sustainability of the brine line.

The 10-year plan is projected at \$69 million, covering the period up to 2035. This plan also incorporates projects from the master plan completed in December 2024, with a broader 40-year outlook to track projects beyond the 10-year window. These future projects will be revisited and included as needed when they enter the 10-year timeframe.

All projects are prioritized based on criticality and need. This means that the timing of a project could shift if new information or findings arise such as from CCTV inspections or if conditions change, requiring adjustments to the schedule. The CIP focuses on known system needs, including improving access for maintenance on Reach 5, where maintenance access structures will be added to the inaccessible areas. Currently, every 2,500 feet of Reach V is accessible, so additional access points will be installed over several years. Other improvements include:

- Reach IV-B: Installation of two new maintenance access structures.
- Reach IV-E: Addition of a mainline valve.
- Reach V Airbags: Some airbags are located off-road and may need relocation to avoid damage.
- Access Behind Prado: Limited due to storm events and nesting birds; improvements to the access road are planned.
- Stormwater and Erosion Protection: Ongoing efforts to protect the brine line from stormwater damage, depending on rainfall.
- System Improvements: Condition assessments for Reach IV-B, IV-D, and other areas as they emerge, along with smart covers for manholes and the SCADA system implementation.

Additionally, the CIP includes planning for offline storage on the brine line, to accommodate future capacity needs as the line approaches its 30 MGD limit. Future projects from years 11–25 and 26–40 are also outlined, though the timing of these may change based on project needs and conditions. There was no discussion.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 6.B.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive and file the following oral/written reports/updates.

A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2025

B. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE ENTERPRISE/CIP FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Karen Williams reported that the revenues exceeded budget expectations, while expenditures came in lower than anticipated. Interests earned \$2.9 million in interest. The Flow, BOD, and TSS Billing, the difference between what we billed and what we were billed by Orange County Sanitation District was a shortfall of \$101,000. This was primarily due to a \$20.60 higher-than-expected flow rate charged by Orange County. The good news is that BOD and TSS costs are being more accurately passed through, bringing us closer to matching actual costs. Overall, the brine line performance looks excellent for the end of the fiscal year.

C. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Karen Williams reported that the settlement agreement between SAWPA and Southern California Edison for December 2021, rupture has been signed. We expect to receive the settlement payment in the next couple of weeks.

D. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were no comments/reports from the Committee.

E. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no comments/reports from the Chair.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

Chair T. Milford Harrison recessed the meeting at 10:42 a.m. for Closed Session.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Chair Harrison resumed the Open Session at 11:11 a.m. and Legal Counsel, Thomas S. Bunn announced that the Committee received a report from Counsel; no reportable action was taken on Agenda Item No. 9.A.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Committee Chair T. Milford Harrison adjourned the Regular meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on October 7, 2025.

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T. Milford Harrison, Chair

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